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SUBJECT: IFAD, COMMENTS ON SOURCE OF NEW PLEDGES

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1. ULF HJERTONSSON (MIN INTERNATIONAL DEV--(SIDA) WAS VERY

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PLEASED TO RECEIVE INFO IN REFTEL. HE REMARKED THAT SIDA

DIRECTOR, MINISTER ULLSTEN, IS FOLLOWING IFAD DEVELOPMENTS VERY CLOSELY. HJERTONSSON CONFIRMED THAT SWEDES HAVE MADE FIRM PLEDGE OF \$3 MILLION, CONTINGENT UPON BALANCE OF \$15.5 MILLION FROM DAC MEMBERS. HJERTONSSON ALSO MADE SPECIAL REQUEST THAT US LEAN ON JAPAN AND WEST GERMANY. HE FELT US PRESSURE WOULD BE USEFUL, AND WAS CONVINCED THAT THESE TWO NATIONS COULD HAVE NO RPT NO EXCUSE FOR FAILING TO COME UP WITH \$3 MILLION EACH.

2. HJERTONSSON HAD SOME VERY INTERESTING COMMENTS ON PLEDGING PROGRESS WHICH EMBASSY, AT LEAST, HAS NOT HEARD BEFORE. HE STATED THAT \$10 MILLION WHICH WILL COME FROM VENEZUELA IS NOT RPT NOT PART OF OPEC. INSTEAD, THAT SUM IS VENEZUELA'S CONTRIBUTION TO UN SPECIAL FUND. HJERTONSSON ALSO STATED THAT HE BELIEVES NORWEGIANS, THE ONLY OTHER COUNTRY WHICH HAS PLEDGED MONEY TO THE SPECIAL FUND, WILL BE RECALLING ITS MONEY AND SHIFTING IT TOUFAD. SWEDES DO NOT REGARD THIS "SLAUGHTER" OF SPECIAL FUND AS UNHAPPY. ACCORDING TO HJERTONSSON, THE SPECIAL FUND WAS A NON-STARTER, AT BEST.

3. HJERTONSSON ALSO BELIEVES CONTRIBUTION OF SOME \$18 MILLION FROM NORWEGIANS, PLUS ADDITIONAL DAC PLEDGES, COULD RAISE TOTAL IFAD PLEDGES ABOVE TARGET BY SOME \$20 MILLION. SWEDES SEE THIS AS A VERY POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT, ESPECIALLY SINCE ORIGINAL TARGET WAS SDR 1 BILLION (\$1.2 BILLION). THEY SEE NO REASON TO LET GERMANS OR JAPANESE OFF THE HOOK JUST BECAUSE IT NOW APPEARS TARGET WILL BE EXCEEDED.

4. SWEDES HAD NOT BEEN INFORMED OF DECEMBER 9 TARGET DATE.
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